Encashment of Half Pay Leave

2028. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether half pay leave to the Central Government employees on superannuation is being considered for encashment;

(b) if so, the guidelines fixed by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have circulated any circular in this matter to all the concerned departments; and

(d) if not, by when the same would be circulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) In implementation of the Award of Board of Arbitration, Department of Personnel & Training issued orders dated 6.4.1993 & 13.4.1994 to all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India extending the benefit of encashment of entire Half Pay Leave at the credit of Central Government Employees who retired/retire on superannuation w.e.f 14th July, 1982, subject to the conditions that pension and pension equivalent of other retirement benefits shall be deducted from the amount payable as cash equivalent, as provided in sub-rule(5) of Rule 39 of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972.

Impact of discontinuance of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2029. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have decided to weed out several Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) Government have considered the impact of this step on the employment situation; and

(d) what alternative steps are proposed to be taken in order to provide employment opportunities for the persons affected by reduction/termination of the Central Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has undertaken a review of the existing schemes (Both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) and sujected them to Zero-based Budgeting (ZBB) retaining only those schemes in the Tenth Plan that are demonstrably essential. The exercise will help in rationalizing the schemes by making them more focused and streamline the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group. The consequential impact on manpower is to be examined by the concerned administrative Ministry on a case to case basis. However, any Staff, hitherto employed in the schemes being recommended for weeding out, could be re-deployed by the Ministries/Departments.

Recommendations of S.P. Gupta Committee *vis-a-vis* Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee

2030. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Committee headed by S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commision on the extent of unemployment and employment opportunities available in different sectors of the economy has reportedly come to certain conclusions diametrically opposite to those of another recent Committee headed by Montek Singh Ahluwalia, based on the latest available Census Data; and